

In general I agree with this petition. However, I do not agree with the elimination of same-day retests.

The day you go for your license upgrade is exciting for many amateurs, myself included. Not all of us are great test-takers either.

When I get excited, sometimes I forget the answer to things I honestly know, and wouldn't forget while operating.

Both I and my Girlfriend KC8WWP have had this issue, and on the way back home, have ended up going "I can't believe I answered it that way, I knew the right answer, I just couldn't remember it because I was so excited". It's not always a matter of "testing until we pass" without increasing our knowledge, many of us are simply bad test takers, and I feel that eliminating the same-day retest would simply add to an already stressful situation.

I was alot calmer when taking my Technicians test knowing I could retest if I failed, and thusly was able to calm down and pass on the first try.

On top of this, the 30 days requirement they want to add 97.509 (j) is incredibly onerous, and discourages new amateurs from testing, because if they fail even by one question, and read up on the material for the next week, they're forced to wait 30 whole days after failing the last test to retry. This is incredibly discouraging, and unfairly discriminates against those who are bad test takers, but would otherwise be excellent operators.

Because of the modifications to the rules concerning same day retesting and the 30 day waiting period between retests, I respectfully request that this petition be DENIED.

Thank you,
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